

appeals, with tears, saying, America needs to do more during this hour of need. As they made the case passionately that the U.S. needs to continue sending weapons and artillery and sooner not later, they talked about the need for these long-range weapons we talked about tonight, so the Ukrainians have a fighting chance.

Every day the United States fails to sufficiently support Ukraine only serves as a detriment to the Ukrainians, who need us to lead the free world in helping them win this war. Brave Ukrainians are dying every day. We just can't afford to delay.

My colleague Senator DICK DURBIN and I cochair what is called the Senate Ukraine Caucus, which we founded back in 2015. Later this week, we will bring the caucus together to meet with the leaders in the Ukrainian parliament, the Rada, who are here visiting Washington to urge greater support in America for their country. We are eager to hear what they have to say.

Many of us here in this Chamber get it. We know that America can't afford to stay on the sidelines and be a spectator in this conflict. At this crucial time in the battle for freedom, democracy, and the ability for countries to have their territorial integrity respected, at this critical hour, America cannot afford to be tentative.

We must remember the lessons of the late 1930s: that appeasing tyrants will not satiate their desire to violently conquer and subjugate their neighbors. Some folks in this town may not understand that, but Ukrainians understand it. They know what it is like to live under the thumb of authoritarians, and they broke away from that and to-

ward democracy, first in 1991 and again in 2014.

I was in Ukraine after the Revolution of Dignity, in 2014, where Ukrainians decided for themselves that they wanted to turn away from Russian domination and turn to us and to Europe and to pursue a hopeful future of democracy and freedom. Now, President Putin is trying to extinguish that hope. We must not let him.

One question that many of us have of the administration is: What is the end goal here? Is our objective to help Ukraine grind down Russia's military so that for some number of years it is unable to undertake another violent campaign like this? Is our objective to topple President Putin's regime? Or is our objective to help the Ukrainians expel the Russian invaders from their sovereign Ukrainian territory, including Crimea and the Donbas?

The administration dodges these questions by saying: It is up to the Ukrainians to decide.

I understand that, but the Ukrainians have already decided. They want their sovereign territory back—all of it. I have discussed this at length with Ukrainians, and they have consistently said what I have heard from their parliamentary leaders in the past and will again this week: Nothing less than the full restoration of Ukrainian sovereign territory is their goal.

Saying that we support Russia walking away with any Ukrainian territory would just embolden Russia in this conflict and embolden aggressors and authoritarians in the future.

It has now been 110 days of unrelenting Russian attacks on our ally Ukraine, and it has been 110 days of pushing the administration to help

more. This happened with Russian oil, Russian gas exports. It happened with trade and banking sanctions and various kinds of military assistance. Now it is the HIMARS. They need these weapons.

America has made its stand. We are on the side of freedom over tyranny, democracy and self-determination over authoritarianism and conquest. The countries of the free world are with us, but more so when we lead. Now is not the time to be tentative or equivocal. At this critical juncture, let's work with allies to provide our democratic brothers and sisters in Ukraine what they need to protect the homeland and defend democracy.

I yield the floor.

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#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:48 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 11 a.m.

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#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate June 13, 2022:

##### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JOSHUA D. HURWIT, OF IDAHO, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO, FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

GERARD M. KARAM, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

JACQUELINE C. ROMERO, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.